

National Competition for DECA Marketing Student

Tina Beal, DECA student and employee at K mart 3338, Gahanna, Ohio, recently competed in the DECA National Career Development Conference in New Orleans.

While she was not one of the 14 final winners, Tina scored 91 out of 100 in the marketing competition.

"If everyone hadn't scored so high, I probably would have been chosen in the top 14," Tina said.

In order to make the nationals, students must first compete at the district level. The top three are chosen from each district to go onto the state competition. At the state level, the top seven are chosen to compete in the nationals.

Students are able to choose the event that they wish to participate in ranging from writing a manual to selling a product to a buyer.

Tina chose to put together a manual about policies and procedures for a training program at a department store.

"I picked the manual because I've gotten a lot of information from working at K mart," Tina says. "I graduated this year and now I'm thinking of going to school in January to study in computers."



Joe Tebben, K mart 4008, Lafayette, Indiana, and his 32 pound Spoonbill Catfish.

This Fish Didn't Get Away

Joe Tebben caught his 32-pound, 30-inch Spoonbill Catfish on a holiday—an inopportune time to break a state record.

"I caught it on Memorial Day and there was nowhere to have the fish officially weighed for the record book. The guy at the bait shop told me there was no class for that type of fish anyway," says Joe, store manager of K mart 4008, Lafayette, Indiana.

A phone call to the Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife made by employee Jennifer Callahan a few days later found that the current state record for that type of fish was only 26 pounds.

Had Joe not already cleaned his fish, he would have received a certificate and his name entered in the record book.

At least he had the satisfaction of eating the tasty

meal that put up a 20 minute fight after it chomped down on the nightcrawler that Joe used for bait.

Wrong.

"After I got done filleting the fish, and the fillets were about 3½ inches thick, my son wanted to cut the stomach open to see what the fish had been eating.

"We found parasitic worms in there. I wasn't sure about eating the fish after seeing that, so we just threw the whole thing away. I didn't get anything out of it. I had my two kids with me and they really enjoyed it."

A phone call made to the conservation department later found that it is normal for that type of fish to have worms in their stomach. It helps them digest their food.

Although receiving recognition for catching a record fish would have been terrific, Joe had his own moment of glory when he reeled the fish in on a 10 pound line.

The fun was in catching a fish that big on light tackle. Besides, I know who caught the biggest Spoonbill Catfish ever in Indiana!

An Outstanding Young Woman of America

Vicki Lex, camera employee at K mart 4264, Stow, Ohio, has been selected as an Outstanding Young Woman of America for 1982.

This award is given to women ages 18 to 36 who have distinguished themselves at home, work and in their communities. They have gone above their usual work load and taken on tremendous amounts of volunteer work.

Two women per state can achieve this award. Each must submit an autobiography of all their volunteer involvements past and present.

Vicki recently graduated from the University of Akron with a BA degree in marketing and management.

During her college days, Vicki served as president of the Alpha Gamma Delta sorority. "When you are president, you do everything," Vicki says. "You train officers, make sure everything is flowing properly, hold meetings and are generally the boss."

Aside from this, Vicki was chairperson for blood drives, plant sales, muscular dystrophy drives and Easter seals.

"I was chairperson and a volunteer who organized these drives," Vicki says.

Women who have achieved the Outstanding Young Woman of America award are the ones who nominate other women for this award. Vicki has also been nominated for the 1983 award.

Brenda Depweg Awarded President's Scholarship

Brenda Depweg of camera and jewelry at K mart 4440, Tucson, Arizona, has received the President's Scholarship for the University of Arizona where she will be majoring in accounting.

She also received the President's Award of Excellence. She will receive \$100 for books and \$850 for fees. Brenda must maintain a 3.5 average throughout the year. She graduated in May from Cochise College with a 4.0 average. Her major was business administration.

To receive the President's Scholarship, Brenda had to fill out an application, which is reviewed by the university. There is only one scholarship given per university.

Brenda competed in the State Competition in Economics earlier this year at Grand Canyon College for Phi Beta Lambda and placed first.

She went on to represent Arizona at the Nationals in San Francisco, California, but was not informed where she placed, since she did not finish in the top ten.

"But the nationals were very exciting," Brenda said. "We had a really good time and got to see all of the sights."

Parents of the Year

Putting together yard sales, sponsoring dances and crooking up bake sales to help the Retarded Children's Association has won Simone Berlin and her husband the title of Parents of the Year for the second time.

"We are the first couple to become parents of the year twice," Simone says. "I've done other work in previous years for the association like making ceramics and other things to raise money."

Simone, office employee, K mart 4461, Warwick, Rhode Island, has been working for the Retarded Children's Association for Coventry and West Warwick, Rhode Island for over six years.

The activities that she sponsors help the organization fund camp programs for retarded children.

There have been four activities that Simone sponsored this year to raise money. Although she is not certain about the total amount raised, she does know that the money will enable about 20 children who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford camp, to attend for one week and enjoy all the activities that are offered.